

From the Washington Union of April 1.

### Very Interesting from both Armies.

Despatches from General Taylor.—The great loss of the Mexican army—Loss of the Americans—List of our killed and wounded—Aguia Nueva again occupied by our troops—Retreat, starvation, desertion, and disorganization of Santa Anna's army.

Successful landing of General Scott at Vera Cruz—Investment of the town and castle—The surrender of both expected in a few days.

We have never published a number of the Union, that was fraught with more interesting papers than the present. Independently of the important letter of the President, and the admirable report of the Secretary of the Treasury in reply, upon the duties to be levied on imports into the ports of Mexico, we lay before our readers the very interesting despatches from General Taylor, and a letter from Commodore Conner, concerning the landing of our troops at Vera Cruz. The two sets of despatches were brought by the southern steamboat this evening. The despatches from General Taylor were brought to the Secretary of War by Mr. Crittenden, a volunteer aid of General Taylor. The Commodore's letter came to the Secretary of the Navy through the mail from New Orleans.

Gen. Taylor's letters confirm the brilliant victory which was won by our arms at Buena Vista. The loss of the enemy by battle is less than was originally reported, though it is heavy indeed. Our own loss is considerably less, though it comprises some of the best and bravest men of our glorious army, made up as it was mostly of volunteers, co-operating with some of the finest regular troops in the world. But the loss of the Mexican army by starvation, desertion, and disorganization, is still more striking. General Taylor's three despatches are respectively dated February 24th, 25th, and March 1st. They state, in the General's usually laconic, modest, but expressive terms, the beginning, end, and some of the most important results of this remarkable battle. The most important of these results is the great loss of the enemy—their retreat, and partial, perhaps total dissolution—their fatal disorganization—their utter incapacity to harass at this time our own troops who have returned to their original position at Aguia Nueva. General Taylor has sent a corps farther to the south, to reinforce his supplies. The General further proposes to return to Monterey and reopen the communication between that town and the Rio Grande. The panic of the Mexican marauders is calculated of itself almost to effect this object in a few days. We cannot but again congratulate our country on this brilliant victory. We subjoin a list of the killed and wounded of our army. The death of these brave men affects every American heart with the keenest sympathy. It is the cypress interwoven with the laurel.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your old servant,  
Z. TAYLOR,

Maj. Gen. United States Army, commanding, Senor Gen. D. Antonio Lopez de SANTA ANNA, Commander-in-chief, Le Encarnada.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF OCCUPATION, Near Buena Vista, Feb. 22, 1847.

Sir:—In reply to your note of this date, summing me up to surrender my forces at discretion, I beg leave to say that I decline according to your request. With high respect, I am, sir, your old servant,  
Z. TAYLOR,

cannot, in any human probability, avoid suffering a rout, and being cut to pieces with your troops; but as you deserve consideration and particular esteem, I wish to give you a catastrophe, and for that purpose give you this notice, in order that you may surrender at discretion, under the assurance that you will be treated with the consideration belonging to the Mexican character, to which end you will be granted an hour's time to make up your mind, to commence from the moment when my flag of truce arrives in your camp.

With this view, I assure you of my particular consideration.

God and Liberty. Camp at Encantada, February 23d, 1847.

ANT. LOPEZ DE SANTA ANNA, To Gen. Z. Taylor, commanding the forces of the U.S.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF OCCUPATION,

Saltillo, Feb. 25, 1847.

Sir:—I have respectfully to report that the main Mexican force is yet at Aguia Nueva. Our troops hold the positions which they have so well defended, and are prepared to receive the enemy, should he venture another attack.

An arrangement has been made with General Santa Anna for an exchange of prisoners, by which we shall receive all, or nearly all, of those captured from us at different times, besides the few taken in the action of the 23d. Our wounded, as well as those of the Mexicans which have fallen into our hands, have been removed to this place, and are rendered comfortable.

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FIRST REGIMENT OF ILLINOIS VOLUNTEERS.

Killed—Colonel—John J. Hardin, Captain—Jacob W. Zabriskie, First lieutenant—Bryan R. Houghton, Principal musician—Austin W. Fay. Privates—Francis Carpenter, George B. Merrill, Hudson, company C; Augustus C. Clegg, company D; John C. Goss, company E; D. S. Hedges, company F; John H. Clark, company G; William Goodwin, company H; James J. Kinman, company E; Randolph R. Martin, company E; George Greenley, company F; Richard Thompson, company G; Samuel W. Thompson, company H; Matthew Dandy, company H; William Smith, company H; Thomas J. Gilbert, company H; John H. Gough, company I; John C. Goss, company K; Ignatius Chouteau, company L; Conrad Barth, company K; John Goldsborough, company K; Asa Kimball, company K; Joseph Shultz, company K; George Pitson, company K; Wm Van Winklehake, company K.

Wounded—Privates—Michael Fenton, company B, badly; Jas T. Elson, slightly; Francis Quinn, slightly; Potter Clemens, slightly; Corporal—Patrick McSweeney, Private—James Robins, company C, slightly; John H. Gough, company E; Henry H. Clark, company G; William Goodwin, company H; James J. Kinman, company E; Charles Walker, company E; Elias C. Mayes, company H; Matthew Dandy, company H; William Smith, company H; Thomas J. Gilbert, company H; John H. Gough, company I; John C. Goss, company K; Ignatius Chouteau, company L; Conrad Barth, company K; John Goldsborough, company K; Asa Kimball, company K; Joseph Shultz, company K; George Pitson, company K; Wm Van Winklehake, company K.

HOUNDED—Second lieutenants—E. L. Barber, slightly; A. W. Moore, severely; Sergeant—J. Minton, company A, slightly; J. M. Morris, company A, slightly; S. Wallace, company A; J. M. Morris, company A, slightly; J. Burnett, company A, slightly; Corporal—S. Mayhall, company B, mortally. Privates—B. O'Bryan, company C; J. W. Williams, company D; Corporal—J. Q. Caning, company E; Private—M. R. Baker, company F; J. H. Harkins, company E; R. McCurdy, company E; J. H. Harkins, company G; J. R. Ballard, company G; W. West, company G; J. J. Waller, company G; Sergeant—J. C. Ring, company H; J. M. Dunlap, company H; W. Williams, company I; J. W. Williams, company J; W. Williams, company K; J. Williams, company L; S. Wallace, company M; R. Baker, company N; J. Williams, company O; W. Williams, company P; J. Williams, company Q; W. Williams, company R; J. Williams, company S; W. Williams, company T; W. Williams, company U; W. Williams, company V; W. Williams, company W; W. Williams, company X; W. Williams, company Y; W. Williams, company Z.

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SECOND REGIMENT ILLINOIS VOLUNTEERS.

Killed—Captain Woodward; Lieutenants A. B. Rountree, Fletcher, Ferguson, Robbins, T. Kelley, Steel, Bartelson, Atherton, Price; Privates—Wm Kenyon, company A; Wm. S. Smith, company B; Corporal—Hibbs, company C; Thomas, company D; Wm. H. Higgins, company E; G. C. Gable, company F; D. C. O'Conor, company F; Lutz, company H; Cozzi, company H; Cresson, company I; Davis, company I; Cook, company I; Bradley, company I; M. C. Tracy, company I; Clark, company I; Hogan, company I; Squires, company I; Alternatary, company I; Kinsler, company K; W. S. Marlowe, company K; Marlow, company K; W. Wilkes, company K; R. England, company K; W. W. Jones, company K; Jenkins, company K; J. Lee, company K; Mansker, company A; Peeler, company A; W. W. Rainy, company A; Peeler, company A; W. W. Rainy, company B; Peeler, company B; Peeler, company C; Peeler, company D; Peeler, company E; Peeler, company F; Peeler, company G; Peeler, company H; Peeler, company I; Peeler, company J; Peeler, company K; Peeler, company L; Peeler, company M; Peeler, company N; Peeler, company O; Peeler, company P; Peeler, company Q; Peeler, company R; Peeler, company S; Peeler, company T; Peeler, company U; Peeler, company V; Peeler, company W; Peeler, company X; Peeler, company Y; Peeler, company Z.

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